



MEETING SUMMARY

**Monday, July 29, 2024 – 9:00 am
Yuma Fire Department Administrative Offices
One City Plaza
Yuma, Arizona 8536**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Yuma Fire Department Public Safety Board and to the general public that the Yuma Fire Department Public Safety Board held a meeting open to the public.

Board Members Present:

**Councilmember Carol Smith, Board Chair
Fire Captain Brandon Case, Board Secretary
Fire Captain Jordan Bowers, Board Member
William Craft, Board Member – Merit Board
Robert Valleni, Board Member**

Called to Order by Board Chair Carol Smith at 9:03 am.

I. Introduction of Board Members

Board Members introduced themselves and gave a short history.

II. Approval of minutes of March 23, 2022

**Motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2022, was made by William Craft and seconded by Robert Valleni. The motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Carol Smith, Brandon Case, Jordan Bowers, William Craft, Robert Valleni
Nays: None**

III. Update on Member Status – Deceased, Retirement, and Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). *This item for information only, no action required.*

Member status update as follows:

Deceased: Mike Morgan 6/25/24 and David Murray 7/12/24

Retired: Steve Legros 1/26/24

Entered DROP: Battalion Chief Daniel Ott effective 2/15/23, Captain Donald Walton effective 4/1/24 and Engineer David Beltran effective 7/26/24

Extended DROP: Captain Christopher Caraway extended to 7/31/26

- IV. Adoption of the City of Yuma Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board Rules of Local Board Procedure. Discussion and possible action regarding adopting Board procedures pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-847(F).

With respect to the adoption of the Board Rules, discussion was held concerning appointment of member for public-at-large, consensus was that Board would continue as appointed until a decision is reached by the City Clerk. Discussion also followed regarding Board protocols on appointing a Vice-Chair when the Chair was not available, consensus was that the Chair would appoint someone when they would be unavailable.

**Motion was made by William Craft to adopt the City of Yuma Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board Rules of Local Board Procedure. Seconded by Jordan Bowers. The motion carried unanimously by the following vote:
Ayes: Carol Smith, Brandon Case, Jordan Bowers, William Craft, Robert Valleni
Nays: None**

Executive Session: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 A(1), (2), and/or (3), the Yuma Fire Public Safety Board may vote to convene in Executive Session to discuss or consider personnel matters, confidential records exempt by law for public inspection, and/or to consult with the Board's attorney for legal advice regarding any item on the agenda. The Board will take action on these items in open session.

- V. Review of New Hire Medical Questionnaires for Fire Department Employees.
Discussion and possible action concerning pre-employment medical status.

- Federico Acosta
- Audie Ethington
- Victor Garcia
- Damien Hernandez
- Luis Martinez
- Tristan Pennewell
- Robert Stanford, Jr.
- Isaiah Brown
- Michael Frazier
- Daniel Gonzalez
- Kendyl Larson
- Caleb Newgent
- Colton Reese

**Board Chair Carol Smith moved to convene Executive Session at 9:27 am to review new hire medical questionnaires. The motion was seconded by Brandon Case. The motion carried unanimously by the following vote:
Ayes: Carol Smith, Brandon Case, Jordan Bowers, William Craft, Robert Valleni
Nays: None**

At 9:53 am, the meeting was reconvened by the Board Chair, Carol Smith.

Once reconvened, the Board took the following action:

William Craft moved to approve all medical questionnaires for the following new Fire Fighters with no pre-existing conditions

- **Isaiah Brown**
- **Michael Frazier**
- **Damien Hernandez**
- **Luis Martinez**
- **Robert Stanford, Jr**
- **Audie Ethington**
- **Daniel Gonzalez**
- **Kendyl Larson**
- **Tristan Pennewell**

He continued the motion to exclude the following new hires: Frederico Acosta, Victor Garcia, Caleb Newgent and Colton Reese as their questionnaires are to be returned to them for completion and review at the next Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Joran Bowers and the motion carried unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes: Carol Smith, Brandon Case, Jordan Bowers, William Craft, Robert Valleni

Nays: None

- VI. **Items for Future Agenda.** *To allow for direction to staff to place items on a future agenda. This item is for discussion only, no action is required at this time.*

There are two items for future agenda: (1) Review of new hire employees' medical questionnaires, and (2) determination of Board member public-at-large appointment.

- VII. **Adjournment.** *The Board cannot discuss or vote on any items not on the agenda, including items brought up as Board, staff or public comments, if any. If action by the Board is needed, the item should be placed on a future agenda in compliance with the Arizona Open Meeting Laws.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 am.

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